

Special Collections at Yale

Are you looking for original primary sources for your senior essay? Take advantage of Yale's incredible holdings in the various special collections on campus.

- **Browse these resources to get a sense of what is available:**
 - Descriptions of Yale repositories: http://www.library.yale.edu/special_collections
 - Database of archival collections and manuscripts: <http://webtext.library.yale.edu/>
 - Orbis, the online catalog, which contains brief records describing collections at Yale (Use "More Limits" function and limit by "Item Type" to "Archives and Manuscripts"): <http://orbis.library.yale.edu>
- **Feel free to contact the reference staff at the libraries that hold materials relevant to your subject area (see reverse of this handout for contact info.) Tell them what you are interested in pursuing and they will alert you to relevant collections.**
- **See below for some examples of essays that have been written over the past few years based on special collections materials held at Yale.**
- **See on the reverse for some examples of collections that would be good candidates for senior essay research.**

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY

"Schooling the Indian: Richard Henry Pratt and His Students at Carlisle"

"Mapping the West: Washington Hood and the Corps of Topographic Engineers"

"Mirabeau B. Lamar and the Republic of Texas"

"Creating Tacoma: The Northern Pacific Rail Road Selects a Western Terminus"

DIVINITY LIBRARY

"From Practical Philanthropy to Social Ethics: Jerome Davis, Liston Pope, and the Evolution of the Social Gospel"

"Ginling College: the Implicit Feminism of Women's Mission Work in China"

"To Save China: Wu Yi-fang and Christian Chinese Nationalism, 1927-1937"

"From Healer to Physician: The Hackett Medical College & Educating Chinese Women Doctors"

MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY

"Their Own Civil War : the Struggle of Homeopathic Physicians in the United States Army to Achieve Medical Pluralism, 1861-1865 ."

"Yellow Fever in New Haven, 1794"

YALE ART GALLERY

"Printmaking and Artistic Theory in the Venetian Renaissance"

MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES

"From the 'Bland Leading the Bland' to the Mississippi Freedom Vote"

"Walking the Line of Diplomacy: The Mutual Failures of Chester Bowles and the United States in India, 1951-1969"

"What's in a Name: the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 1965-1972"

"Disclosure of Holocaust Experiences: Reasons, Attributions, and Health Implications"

"Hiram Bingham and the Lost Treasures of Machu Pichu: Popular Archaeology, Imagined Imperialism and National Press in the Yale Peruvian Expeditions"

Use these email addresses to contact the reference staff at the various Yale repositories:

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CENTER FOR BRITISH ART:
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DIVINITY LIBRARY:
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MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES
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MEDICAL HISTORICAL
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Some examples of collections relevant to:

US HISTORY: COLONIAL AND EARLY REPUBLIC

See also: http://www.librarv.yale.edu/special_collections/essavs.html

DIVINITY LIBRARY:

Enoch Hale Papers: Hale, born in Coventry, Ct in 1753, was the brother of the famed Nathan Hale. Collection includes correspondence and diaries contain brief daily entries describing the weather, notable activities and events, sermons written and preached, town meetings attended, marriages performed, visitors received, journeys taken and chores performed, etc.

MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Eli Whitney Papers: The papers consist of correspondence and business papers relating to Eli Whitney's interests in developing the cotton gin and the manufacture of firearms employing a system of interchangeable parts. The papers include land records relating to the acquisition of property for the mill site, patents on inventions, account books and other financial records, and contracts and drawings concerning firearms production. Also included in the papers are records of Eli Whitney's estate, papers of Eli Whitney's nephews and son who succeeded him in producing firearms, and personal papers of Whitney and other Whitney family members.

DIVINITY LIBRARY:

Simon Backus Papers: Simon Backus (1701-1745), and his son Simon (1737-1823) were Congregational clergymen in Connecticut. Their papers include manuscript sermons, account records, and correspondence.

MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Jacob Eliot Family Papers: Diaries of Jacob Eliot (1700-1766) with marginal notes relating to people in Boston, Massachusetts, and Lebanon, Connecticut, 18th century preachers, books, sermons, a meeting of the General Association of Connecticut, the Great Awakening, and the Trumbull and Williams families.

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

Jonathan Edwards Collection: The Edwards Collection consists of writings, correspondence, documents, printed materials, photographs, and artifacts documenting the lives and work of Jonathan Edwards and his family. Jonathan Edwards' papers contain the great majority of his surviving manuscripts. These include over one thousand sermons; private theological and philosophical notebooks, including the nine volume "Miscellanies" and four volume "Notes on the Scripture;" Edwards' interleaved Bible. In addition, there is a box of Jonathan Edwards' correspondence; principal correspondents include Joseph Bellamy and Thomas Foxcroft.

MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Gibbs Family Papers: Collection includes correspondence, financial papers and memorabilia of members of the Gibbs family. Of principal interest are thirteen letters (1783-1796) from Roger Sherman to his brother-in-law, Henry Gibbs, of which five (1789-1790) discuss the deliberations of the first Congress of the United States.